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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 230701 - 240700 AUGUST 1962

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1. ASIA

a. CINC PAC SUBMITTED TO JCS REQUIREMENTS FOR AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OVER LAOS. THE MINIMUM PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS ARE TO OBTAIN WEEKLY PHOTO CONFIRMATION OF ANY INDICATIONS OF VIET MINH WITHDRAWAL OR INFILTRATION BETWEEN LAOS/DRV AND LAOS/SVN ALONG KEY ROUTES. CONTROLS TO MINIMIZE RISK OF DETECTION AND INCIDENTS CONCERNING THESE FLIGHTS WILL BE IMPOSED.

CINC PAC 230253Z (S)

b. CINC PAC ADVISED JCS THAT FOR PURPOSE OF CLARITY, SUBSTITUTE 1 MEF FOR 1ST MARDIV OR 1 MARINE DIVISION WHEREVER APPEARING IN THE LATEST VERSIONS OF SEATO PLANS 4 AND 6.

CINC PAC 232313Z (S)
CG FMFPAC 240232Z (U)

2. CARIBBEAN

a. LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF 22 AUGUST, AN AIRCRAFT BEARING CUBAN INSIGNIA PENETRATED THE SOUTHERN ADIZ TO

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WITHIN 20 MILES OF KEY WEST. TWO F4D AIRCRAFT WERE LAUNCHED FROM NAS KEY WEST, INTERCEPTED THE AIRCRAFT AT 1822Z AND IDENTIFIED IT AS A RUSSIAN BUILT "COLT" (SINGLE ENGINE BI-WING TYPE WITH FIXED LANDING GEAR). THE AIRCRAFT TURNED SOUTH AND PRESUMABLY RETURNED TO CUBA.

COMKWESTFOR 230430Z (S)

b. 6TH MEU EXECUTED A HELICOPTER AND SURFACE ASSAULT AT VIEQUES ON 21 AUGUST. VMF-333 PROVIDED AIR SUPPORT. THE OPERATION WAS COMPLETED AT 220400Z AND BACKLOADING COMMENCED AT 220800Z. NO MAJOR PROBLEMS OR INCIDENTS WERE ENCOUNTERED.

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3. EUROPE

a. CINCNELM AND CINCSTRIKE SUBMITTED COMMENTS TO JCS REGARDING THE DA PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE U. S. AIRBORNE CAPABILITY IN EUROPE.

CINCNELM RECOMMENDS THAT THE FORWARD DEPLOYED AIRBORNE CAPABILITY BE MAINTAINED IN EUROPE TO MEET INITIAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA.

CINCSTRIKE CONCURS WITH USCINCEUR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT TWO AIRBORNE BATTLE GROUPS BE RETURNED TO CONUS AND ADVISES THAT MIDDLE EAST REQUIREMENTS CAN THEN BE ACCOMPLISHED FROM U. S. WITHOUT APPRECIABLE INCREASE IN TIME.

CINCNELM 201056Z (S)
CINCSTRIKE 222315Z (TS)

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